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Communist Activities in Cairo

You may be interested in the following excerpt from a letter which I recently received under date of 12 December 1949 from [REDACTED] 25X1A
[REDACTED] California. You may remember from our previous conversations about similar correspondence from him that I met him aboard ship returning from Europe two years ago.

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Apart from his fame as a movie producer and director, [REDACTED] 25X1A
has spent a great length of time in the Mediterranean area, particularly in North Africa, and is quite knowledgeable about the Muslim world because he himself embraced the Muslim faith some time ago. He struck me as being keenly perceptive of the situation in those areas and has been extremely concerned about the efforts being made by the Communists to influence matters in their direction.

The excerpt follows:

"No particular news from Africa, except that the Russians are very active in Cairo. Last efforts to captivate the masses - a big party given for all the 'bacubs' - doorkeepers of Cairo, cakes, lemonade, etc. served and Soviet film shown. King more unpopular than ever since divorce from Queen Farida. Lately she was recognized in a cinema in Cairo. Everyone got up and cheered her and cursed the King. In spite of fact he's such a boob, the well-to-do realize Communism is only alternative and he has their support. Too bad nothing can be done to get Abd-el-Krim to broadcast in Arabic against Communism. He's the most revered leader - now a spiritual one - in Islam."

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